



Shire of Plantagenet

ROADWISE COMMITTEE

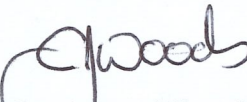
MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(c) LGA 1995

The functions of the RoadWise Committee are:

- (1) *To provide a structured forum for stakeholders to consider and discuss road safety issues; and*
- (2) *To discuss and make recommendation regarding the identification and appropriate counter measures to negative attitudinal, behavioural and environmental factors linked to enforcement, engineering, education, encouragement and evaluation of road safety initiatives.*

Meeting of the RoadWise Committee held in the
Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
2.00pm Thursday 8 April 2021


Cameron Woods
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Brett Bell - Local Government Elected members, Mr David Lynch – Executive Manager Works and Services, Position Vacant - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant David Johnson - Mount Barker Police, Mrs Elsa Drage - Community Representative, Mr Leon Pitt, Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 208/19), Ms Pauline Hughes, Mount Barker Community College (Resolution No 160/20)

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Presiding Member: Cr L Handasyde

Deputy Presiding Member: Cr B Bell

Membership: Quorum (5)

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| Cr L Handasyde | Council Representative |
| Cr B Bell | Council Representative |
| Cr M O'Dea | Deputy for Cr Handasyde |
| Cr K Woltering | Deputy for Cr Bell |
| Mr D Lynch | Executive Manager Works and Services |
| Position Vacant | RoadWise Officer |
| Mr A Duffield | Main Roads WA |
| Mr B Lenton | Deputy for Mr A Duffield |
| Sgt D Johnson | Mount Barker Police |
| Position Vacant | Deputy for Sgt D Johnson |
| Ms P Hughes | Mount Barker Community College |
| Mr W Beck | Deputy for Ms P Hughes |
| Mrs E Drage | Community Representative |
| Mr L Pitt | Mount Barker Community College P&C Association |
| Mr A Fraser | Deputy for the Mount Barker Community College P&C Association |

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.00pm Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESAttendance

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| Cr L Handasyde | Council Representative |
| Cr B Bell | Council Representative |
| Mr D Lynch | Executive Manager Works and Services |
| Sgt D Johnson | Mount Barker Police |
| Mrs E Drage | Community Representative |
| Mr L Pitt | Mount Barker Community College P&C Association |

Staff

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| Mr C Woods | Chief Executive Officer |
| Ms A Chadbourne | Senior Administration Officer, Works and Services |

Apologies

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| Mr A Duffield | Main Roads WA |
| Mr B Lenton | Deputy for Mr A Duffield |
| Ms P Hughes | Mount Barker Community College |

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr B Bell, Seconded Mrs E Drage;

That the minutes of the Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held on Thursday 11 February 2021 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**5.1 SAFE SPEEDS****5.2 SAFE ROAD USE****5.2.1 BLESSING OF THE ROADS CAMPAIGN**

Ms Hughes reported on the Blessing of the Roads event held at the MBCC on Thursday 1 April 2021.

Committee members agreed that the event ran smoothly. Mr Pitt suggested the use of more visual items such as posters to help reinforce the road safety message, particularly to the MBCC students.

5.2.2 DRIVER REVIVER

Cr Handasyde and Mrs Drage provided feedback from the Driver Reviver held on Friday 26 February 2021 at the usual site – pull-in bay on eastern side of Albany Highway just north of the northern Cranbrook turn off. See Attachment One.

Conversation focused around a purpose ‘set-up’ caravan for use at Driver Reviver events. Discussion has taken place about this before and it was determined that grant funding is not currently available from RoadWise for this type of project.

Mr Lynch suggested that the WALGA RoadWise trailer which is stored at the Plantagenet Shire Depot be looked at as storage for the event. Mr Pitt suggested engineering students at the MBCC be considered to help with any repairs/construction to a caravan and that he would be willing to help with wiring/lighting.

Action: Mr Lynch be requested to scout for a suitable caravan for use at Plantagenet RoadWise Driver Reviver Events.

Cr Handasyde raised the idea of running a third Driver Reviver. It was suggested that Main Roads traffic counts be consulted to determine busy periods on Albany Highway and that some research be conducted into events held locally that may attract visitors on long weekends.

Action: Mr Lynch be requested to provide information at the June RoadWise meeting about vehicle numbers on Albany Highway and dates of local events.

5.3 SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

5.3.1 LOWOOD ROAD – BOLLARDS

Mr Lynch discussed the proposed replacement of the bollards along Lowood Road – SLK 1.43 to 1.60 (IGA fuel station around curve to Healy’s driveway). At previous RoadWise meetings it was agreed that the bollards should be replaced with smaller ones to help improve sight distance for motorists.

Feedback received since has indicated that the current bollards are part of the town’s theme and removal of them would detract from this. It was noted that the trimming of the trees on the verge had opened up the area and helped with sight distance for motorists. Mr Lynch advised that that the bollards would remain.

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 ROADWISE

The Road Safety Advisor position is currently vacant.

6.2 MAIN ROADS WA

Mr Duffield and Mr Lenton were unable to attend the meeting

6.3 MOUNT BARKER POLICE

Sgt Johnson reported that local roads were very busy and that extra effort has been put into road policing. He was pleased to report there had been no road fatalities over the Easter period.

5,900 RBTs have been conducted so far this year with five drink driving tickets issued since the last meeting.

Also, 73 speeding tickets have been issued since February.

2.30pm Mrs Drage left the meeting.

6.4 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

Mr Lynch reported on the accident that occurred on Porongurup Road earlier in the day. No one was injured.

6.5 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ms Hughes was an apology for the meeting.

6.6 COMMUNITY MEMBER

Mrs Drage had left the meeting early.

7 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10 June 2021 at 2.00pm

8 MEETING CLOSURE

2.40pm Cr Handasyde declared the meeting closed.

ATTACHMENT ONE

Driver Reviver Albany Highway – North Cranbrook Site 26th February 2021

Compiled – Cr Len Handasyde Chair Roadwise Committee Shire of Plantagenet

The driver reviver event took place on the above date with 97 vehicles stopping, 116 people taking the opportunity of a free cuppa and a biscuit or two and 58 people using the toilet facilities provided at the site.

The amount of work to bring this event into existence is substantial. It requires a traffic management plan, volunteers at the site from around 12:00 midday until 12:00 midnight and then all equipment is transported back to the various places that it came from. It requires quite a bit of planning and commitment by people across the community.

We appreciate the work from our volunteers at the Ambulance Service, Fire and Rescue Service and various other individuals who have volunteered their time over a number of years in many cases. I want to also mention the work of our key works staff at the Council Office. Without their support this would be much tougher to organise.

There was a lot of traffic on the road at various times throughout the evening. Some continued to speed through the site at normal highway speeds ignoring the signage. However clearly there were many people who appreciated the efforts of our volunteers who are happy to assist and give their time with road safety in mind. Every time we hold one of these events we see people who are clearly very tired and who have possibly misjudged their fatigue at the start of their trip south. It is highly likely that lives have been saved over the years because of this driver reviver event, and the many others that operate around the state.

The travelling public can also assist us with a few simple things to make your travel safer particularly on these long weekends.

If you are travelling around the State you should:

1. Check your vehicle before you get on the road.
2. Check the distances involved with your plans and plan your driving to manage your fatigue.
3. Have a good night's rest before you set off on your drive.
4. Plan your trip to include rest stops at least every two hours.
5. Change drivers if you can.
6. Drive to the conditions.
7. Check road conditions with Main Roads WA and the relevant local Governments and drive to the conditions.

Future driver revivers will continue to operate in the region on those key long weekends.

Thanks again to our volunteers and particularly Mrs Elsa Drage who organizes the team into a roster each time.